25% against payment of the balance amount of 75%. It is estimated that about 3 crore small and marginal farmers and about 1 crore other farmers will benefit from the scheme.

As per provisional estimates the total loan overdues in case of small and marginal farmers and other farmers are Rs. 50,524 crore and Rs. 39,160 crore respectively. As such, the relief to be offered will be around Rs. 60,314 crore comprising Rs. 50,524 crore of debt waiver to small and marginal farmers and Rs. 9,790 crore as relief to other farmers as a One Time Settlement (OTS) at 25 per cent of their overdues.

In order to reimburse the lending institutions, the Government has created a Farmers' Debt Relief Fund with an initial corpus of Rs. 10,000 crore. This Fund shall be augmented by the Government in the following manner:

(Rs. in crore)

Immediately after June 30, 2008 as soon as the first Supplementary for 2008-09 is approved by Parliament	25,000
In Budget 2009-10	15,000
In Budget 2010-11	12,000
In Budget 2011-12	8,000
TOTAL:	60,000

The guidelines to lending institutions, which are in the process of being drafted, will be issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to enable the implementation of the Debt waiver and Debt Relief Scheme by June 30, 2008.

Counterfeiting of higher denomination currency notes

4210. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that counterfeiters are now switching over to bigger denominations like 1000 and 500 rupee notes;

(b) if so, whether Government is also aware that value of circulation of counterfeit of currency has suddenly gone up;

(c) whether Government is also aware that this menace is most prevalent in Uttar Pradesh and Southern States;

(d) if so, how many fake currency notes have been recovered in Uttar Pradesh with the details of value, denomination-wise; and

(e) how many people arrested and action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) As per the information furnished by National Crime Records Bureau, there has been continuous increase in seizures/recoveries of 500 rupee notes during the period from 2005 to 2007 but a mixed trend has been observed relating to 1000 rupee notes.

(b) to (d) The information is given in the statement (*See* below).

(e) The number of persons arrested in Uttar Pradesh during 2005, 2006 and 2007 was 180, 290, 164 respectively.

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The details of seized/recovered notes during the 2005 to 31st March, 2008

		2005		2006		2007		2008 (upto 31st March)	
		No. of notes seized/ recovered	Value	No. of notes seized/ recovered	Value	No. of notes seized/ recovered	Value	No. of notes seized/ recovered	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Nation-wide total Deno.	361700	69270876	357985	83916469	1048138	450329635	69821	22124610
	1000	12145	12145000	19576	19576000	17821	17821000	5238	5238000
	500	58924	29462000	81400	40700000	826184	413092000	26416	13208000
	100	264568	26456800	220431	22043100	184835	18483500	35475	3547500
	50	23643	1182150	30570	1528500	18371	918550	2583	129150
	20	779	15580	1392	27840	567	11340	87	1740
	10	374	3740	3653	36530	289	2890	22	220
	5	1024	5120	869	4345	71	355	0	0
	2	243	486	60	120	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	34	34	0	0	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	1000	314	314000	1812	1812000	1820	1820000	241	241000
	500	3026	1513000	7226	3613000	12086	6043000	2297	1148500
	100	34176	3417600	35022	3502200	40829	4082900	7064	706400
	50	2711	135550	5458	272900	3279	163950	645	32250
	20	207	4140	51	1020	41	820	20	400
	10	34	340	17	170	41	410	6	60
	5	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	–	40470	5384640	49586	9201290	58096	12111080	10273	2128610

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Southern States	1000	2255	2255000	3923	3923000	5166	5166000	1035	1035000
	500	30827	15413500	26978	13489000	600957	300478500	4780	2390000
	100	79844	7984400	73034	7303400	48268	4826800	4229	422900
	50	8791	439550	10419	520950	4095	204750	418	20900
	20	303	6060	159	3180	347	6940	52	1040
	10	275	2750	58	580	99	990	3	30
	5	21	105	2	10	0	0	0	0
	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	–	122316	26101365	114573	25240120	658932	310683980	10517	3869870

Note: Southern States include Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.